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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2006, requiring an election of invention, applicant submits the Remarks presented below.